

Midway Extension District #15
December 12, 2024 Meeting Minutes
Ellsworth County Courthouse, 6:30pm

The regular monthly meeting of the Midway Extension District board meeting was called to order by President Gaylon Walter on December 12, 2024 at 6:30pm at the Ellsworth County Courthouse. Board members present were Marcia Blundon, Justin Hlaus, Melinda Olson, Julie Nienke and Amy Westerman with Gunnar Hays joining on Zoom. Jessica Kootz, Craig Dinkel and Clinton Laflin were also present.

Jake and Kim Schneider of the Ellsworth Packing Plant were presented their KSRE Appreciation Award following a meal with the board.

Melinda Olson moved to approve the agenda as presented, Marcia Blundon seconded and the vote passed unanimously. Amy Westerman moved to approve the consent agenda items and Justin Hlaus seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

All agents excluding Karrie Van Winkle presented their monthly reports. Julie Nienke moved to approve both agent reports, Melinda Olson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

In unfinished business, Amy Westerman moved to approve financials for Russell Junior Leaders and 4-H Council. Marcia Blundon seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Julie Nienke moved to approved Kerianne Ehrlich, Janna Nelson and Raine Bradshaw as 4-H Volunteers. Melinda Olson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

In new business, the Excellence in Board Leadership Assessment was discussed with Jessica Kootz and that will be submitted by January 1, 2025. Gaylon Walters gave a recap of the past quarterly KSRE Partnership meeting followed by Jessica Kootz recapping the discussions during the Director Meetings.

State Extension Advisory Elections were discussed and Amy Westerman moved to cast the Midway Extension District ballot for Janelle Harmon and Eric Scott Killough. Melinda Olson seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Marcia Blundon moved to enter executive session to discuss non-elected personnel and all board members and agents present for ten minutes. Amy Westerman seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Executive session was entered at 8:05pm and exited at 8:15pm. Justin Hlaus moved to extend executive session by five minutes to discuss matters of non-elected personnel with all agents, board members, and agents present. Marcia Blundon seconded and the motion carried. Executive session was entered at 8:15pm and exited 8:20pm.

Julie Nienke moved to give Rutika a \$0.50/hour raise. Justin Hlaus seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Amy Westerman moved to allow agents to gift office professionals in both Ellsworth and Russell offices a \$25 Christmas gift. Marcia Blundon seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Melinda Olson moved to adjourn the meeting and Marcia Blundon seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Gaylon Walter, President

Amy Westerman, Secretary